

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Minutes

**Horace Mann Middle School
(Library)**

4345 54th St, San Diego, CA 92115

November 20, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order: 5:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Chair Rosa Ana Lozada

Commissioner Joyce Abrams

Commissioner Cornelius Bowser

Commissioner Dana Brown

Commissioner Peter Callstrom

Commissioner Eduardo Corona

Commissioner Chief Jenkins

Commissioner Gary Lynn

Commissioner Vihn Tran

Commissioner Danny Villarreal

Commissioner Chief Zimmerman

Welcome by Principal Courtney Young, Horace Mann Middle School

Welcome to Lara Easton, Deputy City Attorney

- Newly assigned to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Non Agenda Public Comment (Speakers Slips are available) - None

- Fabiola Bagula, Area 6 Superintendent, San Diego Unified School District

Approval of the Sept. 20th Meeting Minutes pass unanimously

Action Agenda:

Item A

Laws pertaining to the criminal activities of gangs has changed and expanded over the years. It would be pertinent for the Commission to be informed on the current laws specific to the criminal activities of gangs.

Motion by Commissioner Bishop Bowser to: Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to research current California statutes pertaining to gang related criminal activity.

2nd by Commissioner Mack Jenkins. Vote: 11-0 / Motion passes Unanimously.

The Ad-Hoc Committee will be comprised of the following Commissioners:

Eduardo Corona, Joyce Abrams, Gary Lynn, Vinh Tran, Danny Villarreal, and Dana Brown. There will be a meeting to discuss issues and topics soon.

Item B

The Commission is required to provide two updates twice a year to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood Committee on its Strategic Action Plan. A draft update is attached for the Commission's review and approval. If approved, Commission's staff will present the report in final form to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood Committee at the January 28, 2015 meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Dana Brown to Approve and accept the draft for reporting to the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood Committee in January 2015.

2nd by Commissioner Joyce Abrams. Vote:11-0 / Motion Passes unanimously

Information Scan

a. Gang Statistics and Initiative Updates

- Lt. Bennett presented gang related crime statistics.
- Special Presentation by Officer John Carroll and 2 students, Christian Felipe and Jacquese Holiday. Introduced the mentoring program, boxing program, tattoo removal, community service.
 - Commissioner Chief Zimmerman was really impressed, as were the Commissioners by the presentation of Officer John Carroll, who brought 2 young men who shared their inspiring journeys of gang life and what made them change their lives. The 2 young men (Christian and Jacquese) were extremely appreciative of Officer John Carroll and thanked the Commission for helping create these programs that helped them change their lives.
 - Commissioner Eduardo Corona offered to work with the 2 young men (Christian and Jacquese) through his organization, Reality Changers, if they are truly committed to raise their grades and enter college.

b. Probation Update - Commissioner Chief of Probation Mack Jenkins

- Commissioner Mack Jenkins shared the news about the decrease in probation referrals by 46% and the decrease in general youth probation of 44% since 2011.

c. Special Presentation by Commander Will Brown, San Diego County, on San Diego Jails

- Commander Will Brown, presented programs and changes that have changed jails in the County of San Diego. Even yoga classes are offered as part of the stress relief for the inmates. *(PowerPoint to be sent to all Commissioners)* The Commission is eager to go on the field trip to the County jail in December.

Executive Director Report:

a. Overview -Hand out provided

- Ad Hoc Updates
 - Live Well San Diego and CGPI Ad Hoc -
 - Trauma Informed Care Training and language
- Grant Information
 - Awaiting feedback from California Gang Reduction Program Grant Submission.
- Community Notes
- 2015-2017 Strategic Action Plan Update
- Provided the SANDAG Violent Crimes and Suspects 2014

Adjourned: 6:51 PM

Next Meeting: Joint meeting with the Human Relations Commission January 22, 2015